



## Terwilliger Fire Update

Southern Cascades Interagency Incident Management Team  
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**October 1, 2018 - 1:00 P.M.**

**Public Information Phone:** (541) 822-8216 Available 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

**Special Announcements:** The public is asked to respect the road and area closures for protection to themselves and firefighters. Please refrain from entering the closed areas.

The Terwilliger Fire Area Closure implemented August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 by The Willamette National Forest, remains in place. The Closure Area is being patrolled and enforced. Public and firefighters remains safety remains the priority directive.

Forest Service Road (FR) 19 and Terwilliger Hot Springs (also known as Cougar Hot Springs) are within the Terwilliger Area Closure. They remain closed due to unsafe conditions from gravity fall hazards including rocks, debris and fire weakened trees. The closure begins at the junction of FR 410 south to Box Canyon

*The Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and the McKenzie River Ranger District, Willamette National Forest jointly responded to the report of the Terwilliger Fire with both aircraft and firefighter resources. Although the fire did not burn on to ODF protected lands, the agency has stayed involved with suppression actions and planning.*

**Acreage:** Estimated 11,445      **Completion:** 80%      **Cause:** The fire is currently under investigation.

**Resources:** Total: 175 3-type 2 IA hand crews, 1-heavy lift helicopter, 1-light lift helicopter, 4-engines, 1-dozer, 4-water tender, 2-ambulances, 4-masticators, and 17-heavy equipment. Replacement personnel are arriving as others time out to ensuring proper staffing for suppression operations.

**Current Fire Information:** Overnight precipitation was minimal over the fire. Mop up, suppression repair, and patrol continues throughout all areas of the fire. The west and south perimeters of the fire are in the patrol and mop up phase. Firefighters along the north perimeter continue prepping FR 1993 along the East Fork of the South Fork of the McKenzie River. A heavy equipment group is working throughout the fire on roads and areas needing repair impacted by suppression operations

**FR 19 remains closed** Contractor work on FR 19 removing unstable rock, soil and trees located above the road continues. The objective is to complete this work prior to the onset of winter rain and snow which makes these slopes even more prone to erosion and debris movement which in turn can block or damage the road surface. The Terwilliger Fire further exacerbated an existing problem on these steep slopes.

Hazard tree falling along FR 500 is ongoing to reduce fire weakened trees along this road system. Logs will be decked for future processing.

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy, slight chance of showers, high 62-68 and humidities 55-65%.

**Closures/Restrictions:** A Forest-wide campfire ban on the Willamette National Forest has implemented, including all campgrounds and Wilderness areas. For specific information on Forest Order 06-18-01-18-18, see the Willamette National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/willamette/alerts-notices>.. Terwilliger Area Closure Order # 06-18-01-18-19 may be viewed in at <http://go.usa.gov/xRnz7> or on [Inciweb](#).

**Information Resources:**

**Inciweb** – <https://inciweb.nwcc.gov/incident/6160>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/willamettewildfires/>

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